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The Church of God Evangel

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EVERY CREATURE MARK. 16:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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God's Art Gallery

BY JOSEPH TERLIZZI

Scripture: Matt. 26:36-46.
Text: *"And he went a little farther."*

WE HAVE heard it said that every good picture tells a story, and from our childhood we learn to appreciate good pictures. Who has not been thrilled viewing the masterpieces painted by Lenardo DaVinci, Michelangelo, Ruben, Stenburg and others? What we hear, ofttimes is easily forgotten. That which we see makes a more lasting impression upon us.

The Bible contains many wonderful paintings. One of the masterpieces is that of Creation found in Genesis. Here we have pictured the creation of man in the image of God and see him placed with his helpmeet, Eve, in the Garden of Eden to dwell among its beauty. Then in the cool of the day, just as the sun was dipping over the western horizon leaving the sky tinted with red, orange, lavender, and purple, God would come down and commune with man. What glorious fellowship, what moments of joy must have been enjoyed by Adam and his Creator, as they walked and talked together!

Then one day, the sky darkens, birds hush their singing, and God's voice is heard crying, "Adam! Adam! Where art thou?" Sin had entered in and marred the fellowship between God and man. As a result, sickness, sorrow, and death followed. Paradise is lost!

Proceeding a little farther in the Divine Art Gallery, we view the picture of a lone man, Jacob, a fugitive, weary in body and troubled in soul who, seeking rest, throws himself upon the dusty earth with nothing for a pillow but a hard stone and exhausted falls into a deep sleep. As one gazes upon the picture one can almost see the ladder of which he is dreaming, that stairway to the stars, reaching from earth to heaven, on which angels are ascending and descending. (Those descending must be angels with dirty faces, while those ascending are angels who are saved and sanctified, moving on and upward, step by step on the stairway from earth to heaven.)

Proceeding still farther we see Israel in bondage in Egypt, the slave-driver and his whip, burdens too heavy to be borne, Moses and the burning bush, the awful plagues visited on the Egyptians, the cry of despair, the Passover Lamb, the blood-sprinkled doorway, the slaying of the first-born of the Egyptians, the flight of the Israelites and the crossing of the Red Sea, Pharaoh and his army buried in a watery grave, while Miriam, playing on her timbrel, leads in the dance of victory, singing how God triumphed over the horse and his rider.

Still farther we see a masterpiece full of action and power, one which portrays the Israelites in the throes of apostasy, bowing down to idols. And there comes Elijah, that mighty prophet of God, challenging Ahab, the wicked king, to send the prophets of Baal to prove with him whether Baal or his God was the one to be served. Then we see the prophets of Baal building an altar to their god and laying on it a sacriifce, beseeching Baal to send fire, and when no answer came we see them cutting themselves with knives and lancets until the ground was reddened with their blood, but still Baal is unaware of their prayers. At eventide we see Elijah rebuilding the altar to the living God and when finished places on it a lamb, and over it all pours twelve barrels of water, so it will be even more difficult for his God to send fire and consume the sacrifice. Then with arms uplifted to heaven, earnestly prays to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to vindicate His name. God answered by sending fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice. When the people saw the fire, they cried, "The Lord, he is God! The Lord, he is God!" A gracious revival followed, with thousands of Israelites turning back to worship the true and living God, for the God of Elijah was able to do that which Baal could not do.

Going into the Art Gallery of the New Testament we find there the most beautiful picture expressing motherhood that the world has ever known. It is the picture of the Madonna hovering over the Babe Jesus as He lies there in the crude manger of the rock-hewn stable. Her eyes express that love which can only be found in a mother's heart, as she gently fondles in her arms this Son of God and wonders at this greatest of all mysteries.

Another picture that thrills our hearts is Jesus at Jordan, in the wilderness de-

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NOTICES From the Field

The McRae, Ga. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will be held at Center Grove church May 4, 5. Come on, Y. P. E. and Sunday School members, also pastors, let's make this a great convention. Our state superintendent, Brother Roy Douglas, will be with us. We are expecting a great time in the Lord. Also bring a box of something good to eat.—J. L. Harrison, district pastor, Milan, Ga.

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The Oak Grove, Miss. district convention will convene at Wheeler, Miss., May 24-26, inclusive. Brother J. L. Dorman, state overseer, will be in charge. Dear pastors and laity, let's put the Church program over for God. Don't forget to bring a good mission offering. Please start praying now that God will give us a great convention.—Horatio Mitchell, district pastor, Rt. 2, Red Bay, Ala.

NOTICE TO INSURANCE APPLICANTS

All cards received up to and including March 30 have been mailed to the main office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, in New York.

The insurance was made effective April 2, 1940, and as soon as the policies arrive from the home office, we will mail same on to each respective policyholder.—E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary.

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The Trafford, Ala. district convention will convene May 24-26 and will close the 26th with our home-coming day at the Trafford Church of God. We are expecting every pastor and church to be on hand the first service one hundred per cent and with victory in our souls. Pray that this will be the best one yet. Brother H. L. Chesser, our state overseer, will have charge.—W. E. Crider, district pastor, Dixiana, Ala.

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To our many friends to whom we owe letters: I am very sorry we have not been able to answer these many letters. It has been five weeks since I have been able to write and most of the time unable to hold my head up. We would be glad for our friends to continue to write us whether we are able to answer or not.—Your brother in Christ, J. R. Thomas, 1126½ N. 4th Ave., Tucson, Ariz.

Editor's Note: We are making special request for prayer for this humble man of God who has labored so faithfully for God and His Church.

The Church of God at Fairview, Doddsville, Miss. is starting a revival Sunday, April 28. We are expecting to have Brother Dorman and Brother Mack McCrockrell with us and all others who will come. Everyone has a hearty invitation to come. Pray much that God will bless.—Mrs. J. R. Mitchell, Rt. 1, Box 119, Doddsville, Miss.

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To all concerned: My address is changed from 300 Capitol Ave., S. E. to 19 Fair St., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.—B. R. Hughen.

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There will be an all-day service April 28 at the Church of God at Keysville, Va. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Service begins at 10:00 and lasts until 4:00 p. m. A welcome is given to all to come and bring a well-filled basket. This is a new church.—Elbert Bagwell, pastor, Keysville, Va.

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Notice to all the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools in Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C. and the Eastern shore of Virginia: Some of you are not reporting to me of your Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools. Pastors, please see that your secretaries report to me. If you do not have report blanks, notify me and I will send them. Please work with me. I hope to make a round to all the churches as soon as possible.—Russell E. Bonneville, Crisfield, Md.

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To all those who have rented rooms in the dormitory at Wimauma, Fla. for the camp meeting of June, 1940: You remember that you were to pay as much as one-half of the price of the room by October 1, 1939 and the balance in six weeks before the camp meeting. Many of you have only paid $1.00 deposit up to date. This is to remind you to hurry up and send in the money, if you are still expecting to come and want the room. If you are not coming, please let me know at once so I can rent the rooms to someone else. All rooms are taken and inquiries coming in.—Leon Thomas, Wimauma, Fla.

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There will be a home-coming day the second Sunday in May at Mountain City, Ga. You are especially invited to come. Bring your music and song books. Don't forget to bring a well-filled basket. Let's have a good time in the Lord.—J. F. Brown, pastor at Mountain City and Clayton, Box 203, Clayton, Ga.

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If anyone wants an evangelist to hold a meeting, please write me at home. Pray for us, we have just lost our precious wife and mother and our burden is heavy.—W. T. Pearson, Rt. 1, Box 64, Pikeville, Tenn.

The Joplin, Mo. district convention will convene at Morrisville, May 11, 12. All pastors and preachers, please be there. Everybody is invited. Bring a mission offering, also Sunday, the 12th, bring a basket of good eats. Entertainment will be free to all delegates. We are expecting this to be the best district convention ever held on this district. Brother H. R. Morehead, state overseer, will be in charge. Come on, friends and church members, let's make this a success. Come praying.—O. B. Presley, district pastor, 2213 N. Main, Springfield, Mo.

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There will be a home-coming at the Church of God at Moorhead, Miss. Everybody is invited to come. Bring a well-filled basket, your music and singers and enjoy the blessing of the Lord.—C. W. Kendall, pastor.

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The Electra, Tex. district wishes to extend an invitation to the people of Oklahoma and Texas to come be with us in our district convention which will convene May 3-5 at the Church of God at Wichita Falls, Tex. We are expecting a great feast from the Lord, lots of praying, singing and good preaching. We will be looking for you, don't disappoint us.—H. N. Bridges, district pastor.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Several complaints have come in relative to a paragraph appearing in April 6 issue of the Evangel, which reads as follows: "We are sorry to know that the work in Georgia is not doing so well. They need evangelists and pastors. Anyone desiring to do some honest-to-goodness preaching and laboring for the Master, write to Sister Nettie Boswell, Abbeville, Ga."

This statement is found under the caption "COLORED WORK" and does not refer to the work over which Brother Earl P. Paulk is overseer. The report in which it was contained is an official report sent in by U. P. Bronson of Florida, acting secretary to the colored overseer, N. S. Marcelle.

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NORTH DAKOTA SUNDAY SCHOOLS: This is to let all of you know that Rider has won the banner for the Sunday Schools for the last quarter, with an increase of 134% and an increase of 132% in offerings, which makes an increase in both departments of 133% The other leading Sunday Schools increased as follows: Willow City, 116%, Lignite, 74%, Beulah, 43%, Epworth, 40%, Minot, 10%. By these figures you will know that North Dakota is on the increase in its Sunday Schools.

Churches, get busy this next quarter

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The Minister of The Gospel Has Greatest of All Callings

J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

Recently, while in Atlanta, Georgia, I was called at midnight by long distance telephone from Cross City, Florida, by one of our ministers who said, "Brother Walker, I am being pressed by the people of this county to run as representative to the State Legislature of Florida. I have repeatedly refused to be considered for this position, but there is a group of the officials here trying to prevail with me to accept the nomination. Among the number is the ex-representative who should like to speak with you in regard to granting me permission to accept the nomination." The ex-representative explained of all the men in the county the various groups of people had agreed that our minister was their prospect. He explained that he would receive the support of various denominations and that he was liked by both saint and sinner throughout the county and he was sure there would be no trouble whatsoever in electing him to this position. To his pleadings, I said, "Colonel, I certainly thank you for the honor bestowed upon our minister there. I am personally acquainted with this minister. He was a student of mine in Bible School, and it was there I learned to appreciate his sterling worth," — but I further said, "Colonel, our minister is engaged in the most important business of all the world, the ministry of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I fear that to be connected with the work of the state sooner or later his time would be so detracted from his ministry that it would hinder his work, and again I wish to thank you, and the men of your county for the honor you have bestowed upon him in requesting his service, but since he and you have called on me for my position, I am therefore forced to ask you to excuse our minister for I certainly would want nothing to hinder the work of God he is doing."

This incident reminds me of a few years ago when the United States representative, Col. Roberson, stated to our ministers in the ministers' meeting in Barbourville, Kentucky where your General Overseer and the State Overseer were special guests in the home of Governor Sampson during the convention, in substance, "Gentlemen, you have the greatest calling in all the world. It is greater than being a representative or senator in the state of Kentucky, or even the governor of this great commonwealth. It is far greater than being representative or senator to the United States government. Gentlemen, it is far greater than being president of the United States of America. To be a true minister of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest position in all the world."

All the ministers of that convention and all true ministers everywhere are conscious of this great responsibility that is upon the minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. The question arises, why men like Colonel Roberson and others, who can see this great honored position, should not become engaged in this real position of service. It is true, as Mr. Roberson further explained, that the officials of the state and of the United States of America are dealing in the tangible, literal things concerning the comfort of man in this life, but the ministry is dealing with the eternal issues, eternal destinies of men, therefore, the position is far more important.

I wish to ask all ministers at this time to just take a glimpse of that great responsibility that is yours this morning. While it is an honored position, it is also one weighted down with the responsibilities unequalled by any task on earth. I am truly thankful to God this morning for this great commission that I feel burning in my soul today.

May God make our ministers a flame of fire, a light to the world, and a source of warmth and encouragement to the cold, indifferent souls of men. May God bless you.

The Church of God Sunday School, Baldwin Park, California

Baldwin Park, Calif. is known as the "Hub City," being in the exact center of San Gabriel Valley, and near the center of this little city is the Church of God, which is the center attraction to many of God's people and can rightfully be said to be a great hub in the center of a large wheel which holds the people of God together.

The picture here is our Sunday School group on Easter Sunday. The fifth man in the back row from left to right, holding a Bible in his hand, is our pastor, Brother S. L. Bunch. The man in the light suit near the center of the picture is Evangelist A. M. Curtis, who was in a revival at the local church at the time this picture was taken. Brother Fred B. Laley, the last man to your extreme right, is our state Sunday School superintendent. Haskel Williams, who has been local Sunday School superintendent for the last three quarters, may be seen at your extreme left, standing back of Mrs. Williams and baby daughter. Brother Jack Reaves, our present superintendent, is fifth from right to left in next to back row.

The Sunday School in the last six months has made great progress breaking all previous records. During this time we have bought and paid for a nice Sunday School bus. The church has done some additional building, both to church and parsonage, and by the time you see this in print the church and parsonage will have been refinished and painted both inside and out. This has been made possible by 100 per cent cooperation from all departments of the church. The Baldwin Park church makes a practice of being loyal to the rulings of the General Assembly, being up to date on all national and state requirements. — Haskel C. Williams, church clerk, 217 Chevalier St., Baldwin Park, Calif.

RAYVILLE, La.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to me. Praise Him for healing my baby. She had earache for about two weeks, but I thank the Lord for healing her.—Mrs. Clarence Duncan, Rt. 2, Box 356.

The heart that is kept full of love will never become cranky or hard.

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Editorially Speaking

A Great Preacher

IT was my happy privilege recently to listen to a sermon from the lips of Dr. H. C. Morrison on the subject of "Building a Character." William Jennings Bryan has been quoted as saying, "Never did a greater orator grace the American pulpit than Dr. H. C. Morrison," and such a quotation is only the more valuable when made by a man like William Jennings Bryan who himself was styled as the "silver-tongued orator." But there was something more in the message of Dr. Morrison than oratory. His adamant stand through all the years for sanctification and holiness, even at the threat of being kicked out of his own organization, has won for him a place in the hearts of all true lovers of holiness, and even now at eighty-three years of age, with heavy white locks falling down around his shoulders, the old man with scripture after scripture and illustration upon illustration, continues to paint the pictures of true holiness.

As I sat and listened to Dr. Morrison, I said, "That's a wonderful sermon to come from a preacher at the age of eighty-three." He had plenty of fire and entertainment to grip his hearers, yet it was not entertainment and it was not fiery emotionalism that held his congregation spellbound, but it was his profound knowledge that he has acquired through his many years, and his ability to dispense the same.

A man's physical life is slowed with age, his steps are not as pert as they were once want to be. His emotions cannot be the same as when he was younger, and if he has depended upon fiery emotionalism to put him over, there will come a time when age creeps upon him and he will be absolutely unable to put over his program. But knowledge, knowledge of God's Word, how to interpret it, how to analyze it; knowledge of the things that are necessary to explain God's Word,—this will not get away from him. Even though he is aged and his locks are grey, and his voice becomes rather shaky, if he is filled with the knowledge of God, of God's Word and of other things of a literary nature necessary to explain God's Word, he will still be able to tell people something that will be beneficial and helpful.

Love and Labor

Love sheds a light on the gloomy way,
And Labor hurries the weary day;
Though death be fearful and life be hard,
Yet Love and Labor shall win reward.

If Love can dry up a single tear,
If life-long Labor avail to clear
A single web from before the true,
Then Love and Labor have won their due.

What though we mourn, we can comfort pain,
What if we die, so the truth be plain!
A little spark from a high desire
Shall kindle others, and grow a fire.

Labor is mortal and fades away,
But Love shall triumph in perfect day;
Labor may wither beneath the sod,
But Love lives ever for Love is of God.

Soul-Winning

IN the April issue of the Church of God Searchlight, the state paper of Louisiana, there appeared this headline over a very short article: "Soul-Winning Our Duty." However, there are two things connected with soul-winning which may make it the more interesting and the more appealing. Truly soul-winning is the duty of every child of God. It's a duty because it is included in the commission of the Savior of men's souls, and one cannot be true to that Savior without being a soul-winner or without obeying His commission. There are so many ways in which the child of God can help to carry the message of old time religion to the lost and dying world, but there are lots of things that come upon us because they are a duty and when they are looked upon only as a duty, there cannot be the joy connected with them as when they are looked upon as noble and happy privileges. The writer of the little article in the Louisiana paper says, "Soul-saving is a noble work and one to be honored. A soul is more valuable than the entire world, in the estimation of God; so if it is a noble work and one to be honored, it certainly should be considered a happy privilege to have such a work and calling as the child of God has."

Your Editor can remember his call as being a call of duty and how he at first would shrink from that call, but through twenty-seven years of service now can look back and thank God for the greatest calling that mortal man can have. The true child of God would take nothing for his calling. The true minister of God would not exchange positions with any living mortal. He is working for God because it is his duty, because it is a noble work, but even more than that, he is happy to serve in such a noble position, and counts it a privilege of distinction above any other work or calling that mortal man has ever had.

An article in this issue of the Evangel, by our General Overseer, J. H. Walker, on "The Minister of the Gospel Has the Greatest Calling in All the World," shows not only what people who have the blessing think of the calling of the minister, and what the ordinary man thinks of him, but what even those who are in other positions of honor and have achieved great political fame, think of the calling of the minister. There is nothing in the world which, by way of comparison, anything like approaches it.

Sounding Brass

IT has been said that the best way to understand the true value or worth of a thing is to seek out its antonyms or to peruse the law of opposites, to find out what it is not. We are told in 1 Cor. 13:1 that with the very best of other things, if we do not have divine love we are no more than sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. It remains that the true temper of the experience of a child of God is divine love. The 4th verse of 1 Corinthians 13 tells us that this love suffers long and is kind. There are those who try to justify their disorders by stating that love has teeth and that love does not rejoice in iniquity, but we cannot get away from the fact that the most beautiful fruit and grace of divine love is that of kindness, and a kindness that is manifested at the end of long trials of suffering. The deep spiritual experience hidden away with Christ in God will manifest through trials and tribulations true kindness as a proof of that attribute of true holiness—divine love.

Reports From the Field

The Church of God at La Grange, Ga., Completed and Dedicated, Debt Free, Including Fixtures, Grading and Shrubbery

The dedicatory services of the new brick veneer building on 4th Avenue, LaGrange, Georgia, Sunday, March 31, were a tremendous success, attended by many of our distinguished ministers and singers. It was an all-day affair with dinner on tables on the church lot. Special music was furnished by the visiting LeFevre trio, and the local Pipham quartet and some visitors from the 6th Street Church of God, Atlanta. W. H. Black, Columbus, Ga., preached the morning message. Earl P. Paulk, state overseer, preached the dedicatory message in the afternoon, preceded by a brief address by Prof. Chilton W. Coleman of the Callaway Mills. All messages were enjoyed by the huge crowd in attendance: Brother Paulk's message was quoted as being the best on record. The night message was brought by Grady C. Hamby, pastor at Tampa, Fla. It was a splendid sermon and was the inauguration of a revival with Brother Hamby preaching each evening. At the time of this writing there have been twenty conversions. There are no words to express our high esteem and love for Brother Hamby, who is, without question, one of our able ministers.

Picture to the left is of Brother Robert E. Helton and wife. Brother Helton had charge of soliciting funds to make possible the building of the Church of God here, of which he has been clerk for some years. He started work very diligently in 1934. He received $11.00 that year as a beginner, but tackled the job with renewed determination in 1935 and on until the month of December, 1939, when sufficient funds were collected to close the contract with local man and match the funds given by Callaway Mills, Inc. The vice-president of Callaway Mills made the remark to Brother Helton on the day of the dedication, that he was convinced that we had built too small a building and would "stand back" of us if we decided to extend the building further. Brother Bob Helton says he is proud of the job done, and is willing to work just as hard for the building up of a big Sunday School, of which he has been appointed superintendent.

Brother Helton kept the work going here when it looked very discouraging at times, acting as both pastor and clerk between times. (He was given the privilege of preaching the first message in the new building, in a special Saturday night meeting preceding the dedication day.) Of course, there was valuable assistance given him in the interval that Brothers Taft Ogden, Ivan Stone and Brother Godwin were here. But he is due the credit for seeing the job through. The building is situated on the highest hill in the city, immediately behind the tall memorial erected by employees to the memory of Fuller E. Callaway, Sr., founder of the gigantic corportion known as Callaway Mills. The church lots are 100x100, and the building is of the very finest grade material throughout, looks even nicer on the inside.

Garner J. Wilkins, pastor, says prospects are very promising for the Church of God here. They are in a revival series now and desire your prayers.

Services Enjoyed Easter Sunday

STITES, Idaho.—Greetings, Evangel family, in the name of our Holy King who arose and is alive forevermore. Yes, and we know He is alive by the abundant blessings that were poured out in our midst Easter Sunday. Praise God, we had a wonderful day in the Lord.

This day was the climax of a two weeks' revival with Brother Allison A. Stubblefield as evangelist. In this section of the country they are accustomed to having all-day services with dinner at the church, which are known as fellowship meetings. For two weeks we had planned such a meeting. Invitations were spread abroad over the country and prayer with fasting was made unto God. In response to our efforts God moved on the hearts of the people and the house was filled. Many who had never attended a Church of God service before came. It was a day of fellowship in word and spirit. Among those attending was our beloved state overseer, Brother J. B. Camp, with his good, humble, mellow spirit that would cause most anyone to sense God's presence. Another out-of-state guest was Brother Johns of Wapato, Wash.

The day started with sunrise prayer meeting from six until seven o'clock. With the starting of the day God started His blessings. Oh glory! This made me think of the sunrise prayer services at the Florida camp meeting. Next was our Sunday School. After the lesson the school gave a short program, including a missionary play and a mission offering of $6.25. Then Brother Camp, with an overflowing heart and falling tears, brought a message that stirred and moved the hearts of those present. Just before the benediction baskets of colored eggs were passed. It is needless to say that the good eats on the heavily-laden tables were enjoyed.

There was no time to lose; the day was

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Daily Bread

— By —
E. L. Simmons

"Give us this day our daily bread."
—Matt. 6:11.

Sunday, April 28

"According to election."
Read Rom. 11:5.

Wonderful things are promised in the Word of God to the elect, and we are only elected when we are running, and running according to God's Word. An old plantation owner once asked one of his very religious slaves what he thought of election. "Sho I believes in it," said the colored man. "Well," asked his master, "do you believe that I am elected?" "Well," said old Mose, "Massa, I am getting too old and too near de pearly gates to tell a lie so I has to tell you no. I never has heard of anybody being elected what wasn't a candidate." And so it is with us, we have to run in order to obtain.

Monday, April 29

"Blessed to give."
Read Acts 20:35.

We are living in a day when the word "go-getter" is stamped upon the man with aggression, but very little is said of being a "go-giver." A minister once said, however, that he noticed that people who were really go-getters were go-givers and that they had to be go-givers before they were go-getters in religion. There are so many things that the aggressiveness of the Church of God depends on that it is necessary for each of its members to be a go-giver for the organization to push out into the broad fields of opportunity that God has set before it.

Tuesday, April 30

"Zealous toward God."
Read Acts 22:3.

To be zealous for God and His cause is one of the signs of a spiritual experience. A few years ago it was announced that General Booth of the Salvation Army was losing his sight, his days of usefulness were over. But after an operation and many weeks of seclusion, this man of fourscore years appeared, having one eye removed and possessing only an imperfect vision with the other. To an audience of over 4,000 in London he spoke for an hour and a half. In this speech he said, "I want to do more for humanity and I want to do a great deal more for Jesus. There are thousands of poor, wretched, and suffering people crying out to us for help and I want to do for them." Verily this is the true spirit of a soldier of Christ.

Wednesday, May 1

"Abraham obeyed."
Read Heb. 11:8.

True faith is always expressed in obedience and the first step in such a faith is to obey the call to go out. Blessed is the man who gets out from among his fellow associates that were with him in sin, and who gets away from his kin and from others that would detract from his usefulness, and has only pleasing God as his motto and goal. The character of Abraham is highly illustrative of the reward given by our Lord to those who obey, not only of a life worth-while here but also of one that lives after one has departed the stage of action here.

Thursday, May 2

"Hid with Christ."
Read Col. 3:3.

The greatest gift that we may give to Christ is that of ourselves. An evangelist had held a service at the close of which a little girl presented him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. "Why do you give me these flowers?" he asked. "Because I love you," she answered. "Do you bring the Lord Jesus such gifts of your love at times?" he inquired. "No," said the little girl, with an angelic smile, "I give myself to Him." God cannot use beautiful flowers as a gift to Him though He might accept that love of which they are an expression, but He requires of us that we give Him ourselves, the greatest gift we can present.

Friday, May 3

"Shall give account."
Read Rom. 14:12.

Of all the great men that the United States has produced, perhaps Daniel Webster would be one of the most outstanding for intelligence and wisdom. On one occasion he was asked what was the greatest thought he ever had. He paused for a moment and then said, "The greatest thought that has ever entered my mind has been the thought of my personal accountability to God." Well said, Mr. Webster. There is nothing that can be of greater importance than the fact that every man shall give an account to God for the way he has spent that life that God has so graciously endowed him with.

Saturday, May 4

"Thy rod and thy staff."
Read Psa. 23:4.

The Word of God is that great staff

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Question Box

Question: In the Bible where John the Baptist said, "He that cometh after me shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire," does this mean that fire is a separate blessing from the Holy Ghost as some people preach?—*G. E. H.*

Answer: The experience of fire referred to may not be a blessing at all. In order for us to understand a text it is necessary to also view the context. The text referred to is in Matt. 3:11. In the verse before this one John the Baptist says that the ax is laid at the root of the tree, therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, or receives a baptism of fire. Then in the verse following the text again John says, speaking of Jesus, whose fan is in His hand and He will throughly purge His floor and gather His wheat into the garner but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. In this verse the chaff gets a baptism of fire, so the verse preceding and the verse following the text seem to indicate that Jesus will baptize those who accept Him with the Holy Ghost and those who reject will be baptized with fire or shall receive the punishment of unquenchable fire. The reader is asked to study these scriptures.

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Question: In the 19th chapter of Acts we read where Paul met certain disciples and told them they needed the Holy Ghost, "when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of Jesus." What is meant by being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, after they had been baptized once before? Was it sanctification? —*T. G.*

Answer: No, this baptism, in the opinion of the Editor, was the baptism with water and was in obedience to the command of Jesus. In the last commission given by Jesus to His disciples, He said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." After His ascension the disciples went forth and preached as He had told them to do. We have the statements "in the name of the Lord Jesus," "in the name of Jesus Christ," "in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ," but all of these mean the same as in obedience to the command given by the Lord Jesus Christ. They could not baptize in His name if they did not do it as He had told them to, so in order to baptize in the name of the Lord Jesus they had to baptize in obedience to His command, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

News From China

ISOLATED VILLAGES EXPERIENCING OUTPOURING OF SPIRIT

Greetings, dear friends and coworkers. Time has swiftly passed and I am late with this report. The work took me out over the field the past eighteen days. We went over roads that even a wheelbarrow could not go, walking more than 100 li a day. (A li is equal to about one-third a mile.) My feet blistered and pained me but it was joy to go from place to place and find the fruit of our own labor. One of our converts, a man by the name of Thang, came and made up his mind to stay until we went with him. Three years ago I baptized him and he went away. From time to time he called but never did tell much. This time he came with a good report and calling for help. A revival is sweeping his little village. It seems that even in isolated villages where they are not even touched by outsiders, they are having a part in the blessed experience of seeing "God's Spirit poured out upon all flesh." To me this is one of the most convincing evidences of the last days. Acts 2:17. It drives us on and we do all we can for Him who gave the promise that He is coming soon.

The revival! How did it come? In a very simple way Brother Thang turned to his neighbor and said, "Mr. Fuh, you should believe in Jesus." Mr. Fuh replied, "If He 'kuan fan' (board me) I will and not before." "But, Mr. Fuh, our Father feeds you whether you believe or not." That very night Fuh developed terrible boils on his face and neck and could not eat. Solicitous friends urged that he call a doctor at once. "No, I've brought this on myself and must pray the heavenly Father to heal me." Brother Thang prayed with him and by Sunday Fuh urged his wife to run to the house of Brother Thang and learn more about this Jesus doctrine and then come back and tell him.

At the home of Brother Thang the blessings flowed. Mrs. Fuh was healed of a long-standing trouble and with joy gave out the good news that led to the salvation of the Fuh home. We stayed with them and one could feel that Christ ruled. But in the morning we took our leave and Sister Fuh cried. It was not for joy. Her face showed great sorrow. After our parting prayer I took her to one side and asked the reason. She said it was her son, the only son she had. He listened and gave his heart to Jesus but kept his eyes on a certain man. Poor boy, he was hindered in the way as so many others have been. He was watching some man who did not measure up to the standard of Christian living, thus getting his eyes off our perfect example.

2 Cor. 3:16-18 has meant much to me along that line lately. How often we get our eyes on someone else and fail to behold the glory of the Lord, but the minute our hearts turn to Him all is bright again, so let us keep our eyes on Jesus. He only is able to help us bear our cross.

In one place we spent four days. It was a blessed time. We didn't have much preaching but both old and young prayed day and night. Voices went up to God and the blessings came down. The most outstanding blessing came to a young man who was attacked by the evil one during the summer months and tried to commit suicide by hacking himself with a big knife. As soon as the devil was cast out he admitted that he knew it was an onslaught of the evil one to keep his entire family from being saved but praise the Lord, the devil again experienced defeat for since then all the family have believed. The old father came to church and said, "Why, I would have believed even if the devil had caused my son to die. My heart at first was like a rock but God's own Word proved to be the hammer and broke the rock to pieces." It was more than joy to listen to his words. Still we experience greater joy as we see them live the Christian life. The life that leads others to the Savior is the life for us to live.

At Wangtsun our Bible women gave me great joy when they went to a home where three widows lived, a mother, daughter, and daughter-in-law. They became poor offering to the many gods but could find no peace and the daughter-in-law was sick. Someone told them to call the "Jesus people" to pray for them. I was not at home so Sisters Wang and Lee went casting out all idols and burning the paper gods. They prayed and cleaned the house singing songs of praises. The joy was great. All three gave their hearts to God and now they are well in body and soul and come to our daily services.

One dear old brother puts great joy in my heart. He has not yet been baptized but takes instructions. One day I asked him "How long do you expect to believe this Jesus doctrine?" Striking his breast he said, "Till this spirit takes its flight." "Do you pray?" The old man is a bit deaf but with him all the neighbors bore witness to the fact that he prayed regularly and aloud and that he was not ashamed of Jesus. Many of this group had their faith strengthened by having their diseases healed in answer to prayer.

A heathen priest asked me, "Will this vision fade?" "Not as long as we are true to the teaching of Christ and live it, for we have the promise that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." I told him the story of Paul the apostle, pointing to his Epistle to the Philippians (3:10), "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." This verse comes to us in the middle of the great epistle of fellowship. We find in the first chapter "I thank my God . . . for your fellowship in the gospel." In the last chapter we find the threefold joy of cooperating in preaching Christ: the joy in prayer, making requests with joy; the joy in witnessing that Christ is preached; joy in faith. He passes on to the second chapter and strikes a much deeper note when he speaks of the fellowship of the Spirit, and from that leads us straight into the incarnation, the cross of Christ, and the resurrection. He is leading us step by step into the joy of sacrifice. "Who for the joy that was set before us endured the cross." Look at chapter three, verse ten, where He speaks of the fellowship of His suffering, looking back on days gone by.

In our almost thirteen years in China we find that our sufferings have really only been steppingstones on the road of joy. It is true that the last few years have been very strenuous but God has always renewed our strength and made the cross easy to bear. We do thank each of you as coworkers and ask your prayers. We pray for you. We are asking daily for a great revival in the homeland. We pray that God's blessings will rest on you all. We know the Lord daily beareth the burden of those that trust Him, so let's walk worthily, work heartily, continue steadfastly, watchfully, and faithfully in all

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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

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An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

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"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

The spirit of Antichrist marches on! Weak nations succumbing to the more powerful forces of dictator nations. The latest to be gobbled up are Denmark and Norway. Hitler just marched in with the suddenness of an avalanche and took control. The amazing speed and rapidity with which he moves is a wonder to the civilized world. Informed sources claim that Britain's Chamberlain knew several days in advance what Hitler planned to do and yet made no move to forestall it. Again, the cry of "Too late, too late." Again, the world wonders "Why?" As nations and kingdoms fall, their very falling hastens the coming of Him whose right it is to rule. Sweden, whose king is a brother to the king of conquered Norway, refuses to come to the assistance of their brethren of Scandinavia. They will doubtless be next to the feel the iron heel of the aggressor. Meanwhile, Hitler looks to Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary. They are his for the taking. The spirit of Antichrist marches on!

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A Washington correspondent writes: "Hitler's Scandinavian adventure shoves the United States nearer to the precipice of War, in Washington's informed opinion. How long this country can be kept out is now the question uppermost in the minds of statesmen and diplomats." The war is now perilously close to America's northern back door. We have a very real interest in Iceland and Greenland, formerly Danish possessions. That is too close to American territory. Frantic efforts are being made to bring our fighting forces up to par. Let mothers of American sons pray earnestly that the scourge might pass by their doors. There is only one protection. The blood badge is the sign of deliverance. Jesus, the Son of God, said, "THERE SHALL BE WARS."

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Parents killing children. Children slaying their parents. Husbands and wives killing each other. Brains bashed out. Hearts stabbed with knives. Families disrupted and torn. Homes wrecked. Suicides. All these things are occurring daily in increasing numbers. The girl in California, eleven years old, accused of killing her mother and two sisters. The mother killing her babies because demons were after them. The mother begging her daughter to kill her with a hatchet because she was demon-possessed. All these things are as the finger of the eternal God pointing to the end of the age.

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The dictators are no longer raving against communism and the Jews. Their guns are now turned against Christianity. The latest public utterances from Hitler and his leaders are strongly anti-Christian. Jesus is pictured by them as "a pale, sickly, supine creature who did not have backbone to stand up for his rights." Hitler wants to know if a character like that can possibly be the leader of the world.

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"Rome, April 14.—Authoritative Italians today expressed the belief that all countries of Europe, including Italy, would be drawn into the war. This occasion and this moment which a month ago may have been very far off, now may be much nearer than is believed. This is a terrible war, which at a certain point strikes every one who thinks he is staying out of it. Mistaken and deluding themselves are all those Italians who think Italy can shut up within herself and not think of other things. This program did not succeed for a small country like Norway. Think to yourselves if it can succeed for us, who border on the belligerent countries and have interests in the Mediterranean." The above quotation from one close to Mussolini discloses the nearness of universal war. Europe is already aflame. Even kings and rulers are hounded from one hiding place to another. The spirit of war and bloodshed is in the air. Hostilities are apparent everywhere. Why do Americans think they can escape these things that are coming upon the earth?

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Ankara, Turkey, April 14.—A series of earthquakes during the last twenty-four hours threw the population of Northern and Central Anatolia into panic today as they feared a repetition of the catastrophe which took an estimated 50,000 lives in December and January. First reports from Yozgad said six persons were killed and many injured there, with a hundred houses destroyed and a great number of others damaged. Damage was less severe elsewhere, but the shocks were also felt at Ankara, Tokat, and the Black Sea Port of Samsun. Panic prevailed everywhere with the populace fleeing to the fields." This will probably pass with a shrug of shoulders and a comment that, "It is too far away to bother us." Remember, neighbor, the hand of God is shaking this old earth everywhere. This is a bright, green leaf on God's Fig Tree.

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Christian Scientists are busily engaged in denying the reality of sickness, disease, death and sin. They even deny the presence of war and trouble and, like the proverbial ostrich, hide their heads in the dirt to escape reality. The awful fact is that sin reigns today in the hearts of many people. It seems that sin and its influences control the majority of the people of the earth. Why deny its existence? Why deny the reality of sickness when the good Lord Himself gave the remedy in various scriptures? Jesus recognized the presence of disease. The Scriptures inform us that "He healed all manner of disease." Just another vain delusion that is ensnaring many thousands of people.

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Father Divine, Spiritualism and kindred delusions are doing lots of advertising these days. The followers of Judge Rutherford are very, very active. Their zeal will put Church of God people to shame. They actually visit their neighbors. They actually carry books and pamphlets. They actually converse with people about religious matters. Rain, snow and sleet fail to stop them. In almost every city or town one visits there is a "Kingdom Hall" where the followers of Russellism meet for "services." Such delusion. Yet many sincere, honest-hearted people are carried away with nefarious doctrines. The writer personally knows people who have rejected the true gospel so long that their hearts are hardened to the truth. They have accepted the Rutherford theory, hook, line and sinker. The shadow of the day when men will believe God-sent delusions is upon us. God help those of us who know and have accepted the truth to labor zealously in propagating the truth. "The NIGHT COMETH."

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and yet every step we make must be made by faith. His Word tells us when and where to step, and if we step accordingly we are obeying the orders.

THE CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER

There is no department of the Church with which every preacher has constant contact except the office of the General Secretary and Treasurer. It is into his office that reports of all ministers, reports of all churches, and tithe of tithes sent to headquarters, come. He is also the secretary and treasurer of all other funds of the Church.

From the beginning of the Church of God Annual Assemblies the General Overseer acted as clerk until there was too much to be done and he was unable to take care of it. Then different ones were chosen to take care of the work at the Assembly. Among those chosen as clerks at the Eighth Assembly was E. J. Boehmer. Each year succeeding he was placed in that position until the Fifteenth Assembly when he was elected as permanent clerk of the Assembly and the following year was called to Cleveland to take charge of the clerical work in the office of the general organization, thus he continued in the position of clerk of Assemblies without being elected as a general official until the Nineteenth Assembly which elected him along with other general officials. He has remained in that position ever since.

In the picture Brother Boehmer is sitting at his desk in the forefront. His work in the office as General Secretary has never been questioned. There has never been a nomination against him but one time and the nominee who was selected to run against him received only seventeen votes.

At the right in the picture is Dual Free. He, as many of the other employees of the Publishing House, came to Bible School in 1933 or 34. He went to work in the general office in 1934 as bookkeeper for the general office and special secretary to the General Secretary. He is very quiet and looks after the business of the office with special care.

In the background is Miss Pauline Davenport who came from North Carolina. She has been with the General Secretary's office approximately three years and serves as stenographer and filing clerk.

Besides taking care of moneys, records, etc. for the general organization, including missions, tithes, etc., the filing of reports for 1,800 churches and 2,248 preachers is done in this office. It is also indeed a bureau of information for the Church, for the General Secretary has his work and his records so systematized that he has at his fingertips most any information that the Church of God preacher may desire at any time. The efficiency of our highly-developed reporting system,

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REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6.

PRAY FOR—

Me to be healed of a nervous condition; the healing of my right side and back; four unspoken requests.—Mrs. W. A. Coster, Rt. 3, Box 113, Pickens, S. C.

Several special unspoken requests. I am a widow with four children and surely need the prayers of God's people.—A sister in distress.

My husband and other loved ones to be saved; my sister, Rose Crawford, State Park, S. C., who has T.B. to be healed and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Lillie Cooper, 105 John St., Greenville, S. C.

The healing of our sick loved ones; me. —Mrs. Allie Redmond, Rt. 2, Box 53, Union Grove, S. C.

The healing of our little girl's eyes, also my baby.—Mrs. Wilma Henry, 4618 W. 29th St., Little Rock, Ark.

My unsaved sisters and brother to be saved.—Mrs. Clarence Burton, S. Boston, Va.

Sister Ellie Mae Garrett who has a sore leg; my unsaved husband to be saved; me to stay humble.—Rosa Mae Eller, Titus, Ga.

Me to be healed of a severe case of flu. —Mrs. Virgie Peters, Eccles, W. Va.

My baby to be healed. Anointed cloth appreciated. Me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Louise Lee, Gurley, Ala.

The healing of my body; me to be humble; our community; a church to be set in order near us.—Mrs. Foster Guess, Rt. 1, Stevenson, Ala.

The healing of Brother George Dillard who has been suffering for several months with asthma and heart trouble; my back to be healed; my mother and father that they will live for the Lord.—Mrs. A. J. Allen, Nettleton, Ark.

Several here who have been seeking the Lord a long time.—Mrs. T. M. White, Graham, Tex.

Our revival, complete healing of my wife who had a paralytic stroke.—Starling Smith, pastor, Williamsburg, Ky.

The healing of our baby. Please send us an anointed cloth, if led. My family to be saved; my wife and little boy to be healed of asthma; me.—John Hicks, Rt. 1, Blountsville, Ala.

God to give us a good, spiritual church and a place to worship; souls here to be saved. Sister Winnie McPeat to be healed of an inward cancer.—Vivian Enochs, way Rt., Finley, Tenn.

Unspoken request; Sister Sim's boy to be provided with work as they are badly in need; God to provide a way for us to go to the Weatherford camp meeting this year; the saving of a man; the healing of my under lip of a severe infection.—Sister C. L. Stone, Gen. Del., Childress, Tex.

The healing of Sister Lula Boone who is in a serious condition. Brother Rouse and others too, please pray, she is trusting God. The healing of my body.—Mrs. C. P. Haynes, Nokomis, Fla.

The healing of my leg and other troubles.—Mrs. Bessie Milligan, Herod, Ill.

The healing of my side; me to get a closer walk with God; my brother and his wife to be saved. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Inez Venerable, Rt. 1, Skyline Farms, Scottsboro, Ala.

The healing of my head and heart; the healing of my mother of head trouble and ulcerated stomach; us to get closer to the Lord. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Miss Annie Mae Venerable, Skyline Farms, Rt. 1, Scottsboro, Ala.

The Lord to provide a way for a sister and her mother to go to church and the convention; the Lord to save souls here; the healing of my body; our loved ones to be saved.—Lucy Turner, Independence, Ore.

The saving of my unsaved loved ones. —Ella Mae Bottoms, Rt. 2, Walhalla, S.C.

The healing of my little boy of a head trouble, his neck is swollen and sore; the complete healing of my body; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. Marvin McCombs, Rt. 1, Winfield, Ala.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; God to provide a way for me to go to Bible School; my loved ones to be saved.—E. E. Patrick, Jr., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

The healing of my sister.—Mollie Vaughn, Valley Forge, Tenn.

Our revival at West Knoxville, Tenn. Everyone is invited to come help us.—G. W. Messer, pastor, R.F.D. 7, Knoxville, Tenn.

A friend to be delivered of the drink habit and saved; the Lord to provide me with work; me.—Mrs. Carolina M. Gardner, 2201 12th Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.

The Lord to make the way for a work here and save souls; the healing of my body; the Lord to heal my husband of back trouble; my children to be saved. —Mrs. Ella Tant, Church St., Oxford, N. C.

Special request.—Mrs. Lizzie Stilwell, Rt. 1, Icard, N. C.

God to show me His will for me and help me be submissive in every way; the healing of my head of a peculiar and serious sensation; me to be healed of chronic appendicitis, colitis, rupture, weak eyes and other maladies which render me unable to work; God to supply our needs as they are very pressing; Charlie Sweat, Kannapolis, N. C. to be healed of serious heart trouble.—C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Lexington, N. C.

My husband and children to get closer to the Lord; my father who is on the bed of affliction and unsaved to be saved and healed.—Mrs. F. L. Cole, Rt. 1, Enid, Miss.

The healing of my wife who is very sick and that she can step out on the promises of God.—Leonard Watkins, Holden, W. Va.

My husband to receive the Holy Ghost; a little boy to be healed and his parents to be saved; me to be an overcomer.—Mrs. Sylvester Williams, Rt. 1. Box 92, St. George, Ga.

My eyes to be healed; our revival.—Edward Burnham, Haynes, Ark.

The complete healing of my husband of stomach trouble; that he will get salvation. Anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated. Fast, if led. Special unspoken request.—Mrs. Lee Taylor, Holly Springs, Ga.

Our unsaved loved ones to be saved; our little church here; some friends to receive the Holy Ghost; unspoken request.—Mrs. Zean Wood, Whittier, N. C.

The healing of my brother who is in a hospital with T.B.; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; lost loved ones to be saved; very urgent unspoken request. —Mrs. Arlie Teague, Culberson, N. C.

Our revival.—Bill Cook, Sweetwater, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me of gland trouble. —Oscar R. Peak, Chilhowie, Va.

Me to be healed; my lost loved ones to be saved.—Iva Foster, 4030 Fairmont St. N., Birmingham, Ala.

The Lord to heal me of kidney trouble; unspoken request; my husband to be saved; the Lord to take me back again. —Mrs. H. M. Oliver, Rt. 1, Kennesaw, Ga.

A very intimate friend to be saved and healed of a sore throat; his sister to be saved.—W. M., Honea Path, S. C.

The healing of my oldest son.—Annie Mae Dennis, Darlove, Miss.

My body to be strengthened; me to be healed of joint rheumatism.—Elsie Gossett, 85 9th Ave. W., Huntsville, Ala.

The Lord to restore my health, I have had a light stroke. Anointed cloth appreciated, if you feel led to send one. Unspoken requests.—Mrs. Bertha Wilkerson, Thomasville, Ala.

Me and my family; two unsaved brothers to be saved.—Mrs. Pricy Parsley, 1198 Lincoln Road, Columbus, Ohio.

The healing of my body, D. V.; my lost loved ones to be saved; our church and Sunday School.—A sister, Blossom, Tex.

Arlie Patrick, Rt. 2, Crystal Springs, Miss., to be healed of something like a cancer on his breast; me and my husband to get closer to God; my faith to be increased.—Rosalia Patrick, Rt. 1, Merigold, Miss.

My son, Warren, to be healed of rheu-

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Service Enjoyed Easter Sunday

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full. The table was hurriedly cleared away and away we went to the river just a few blocks away where heaven and earth witnessed the glorious scene of Brother Stubblefield leading four precious souls down into the watery grave. They came up with victory. We made our way back to the church. Our hearts already full and running over, we entered into the solemn service of communion and feet washing. I'm at a loss here to express the glory and blessings that came down and flooded our souls. Oh glory, glory, glory! I can still feel it as I write this. Yes, it was real and only God could give such blessings. Praise God, He is alive and we know and do not doubt that He came forth from the grave. Amen.

Just before the evening service we had our quarterly conference. The reports were good, showing a decided increase.

During the song service opportunity was given for membership and four adults stepped hurriedly forward. There seemed to be no end to the good things God had for us. Brother Camp brought a forceful evangelistic message. Some left crying while others found a place at the altar. Thus passed Easter Sunday in Stites, Idaho, a day long to be remembered in the hearts and minds of those present. Pray for us.—Frances L. Dekle, Box 54.

Determined to Do More For God

COMBS, Ky.—I praise God for this good blessing I have in my soul. Over five years ago the Lord wonderfully saved my soul, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I was added to the great Church of God. I am so glad I can say I hate the things I once loved and that is why I know I am a child of God.

I thank and praise God for our pastor, Brother James Dixon, and for the way he is helping us in this place as well as feeding our souls. We have bought a lot for a church house and are starting to build soon. Praise God.

Our L. W. W. B. is working hard. We are determined to build our church house and do more for God this year than ever before. The Y. P. E. members are on fire for God and His work here. They are helping with building the church house too.

I thank God for His great healing power. He has healed in my home many times since we have been serving Him. I sent in a request a few weeks ago for prayer for my baby. Sister Mary Dehner sent me an anointed cloth and some of the saints came to my home and we prayed and laid the cloth on him, and praise God, my baby has never taken another spell.

Pray for Combs church that it will go over the top.—Mrs. Viola Combs.

Thomasville, Ga. Coming to the Front

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—We feel it our duty to sound a word of praise to God for the way He is blessing us here in Thomasville, Ga. God is doing great things for us, whereof we are glad. We have just closed a three weeks' revival with Sister J. H. Ming doing the preaching. Every night but one there were from two to twelve or fifteen in the altar. There were seven saved, seven sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church, and all the saints encouraged to press on. Sister Ming surely was anointed from God in this revival. She preached the Word under the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost and worked so faithfully from the time the song service started till the altar service was over. Eternity alone will tell just what was accomplished in this revival. We closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing and God came down in a big way. The church was filled to its capacity and many more were standing around the windows and in the yard.

We have had an addition of nine members since the Assembly. J. H. Ming is our pastor this year. We love him and his family and we are all

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The Church of God Sunday School, Bristol, Tenn., J. A. Bixler, Pastor

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The Lord is blessing the work here in a wonderful way. Some are praying through in most every service. We are beginning a revival May 12 with Sister Christine Hyre, of Akron, Ohio, as evangelist. Pray that a glorious, Holy Ghost revival will visit us again.

In the picture we have our Sunday School as it appeared on March 31. We had one hundred and fifty-four present that day.

The Church of God in Bristol has made the greatest per cent increase that it has ever made and made the greatest per cent increase in February of any church in the state of Tennessee in the B class, and won both state banners for Sunday School and Y. P. E. and both district banners. These are all shown in the picture. It is unusual for a church to win all four banners, the first time I have ever had it happen where I was pastor.

May the Lord greatly bless all who read this.—J. A. Bixler, pastor.

REPORTS

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working to put the program over for God here, but we need your prayers, so please pray for us to rise and shine for Jesus here. We are also building a five-room parsonage this year. We want you to know Thomasville is coming to the front and shining. Praise God.

Please pray for God to give us many more souls this year and some more good material here to work for Him.—A. L. Thomas, clerk.

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Reports Victory

WEST ASHEVILLE, N. C.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to me. We are glad to report victory just now through the atoning blood of Jesus. Praise His wonderful name! The Church of God at West Asheville is progressing nicely under the leadership of our new pastor, Brother V. D. Combs. We thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister Combs to us. We certainly appreciate him and his family and their untiring efforts in the interest of advancing the church work in West Asheville. We have not forgotten our former pastor, Brother D. B. Yow, and his good family. We love them still, and may God bless them in their field of labor.

We just closed a three weeks' revival with Brother C. D. Henry of Pennsylvania as the evangelist. He is a wonderful preacher. He is really on the firing line for God. He did some good preaching. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way. There were twenty-two saved, fifteen sanctified and nine baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues (the good old Bible way), praise the Lord. Nine were added to the church, many were encouraged for which we thank the Lord. Eternity alone will reveal the success of the revival. We know this is the time when we need to plant seed and work, for the night cometh when no man can work. Pray for us at West Asheville that we may ever be found faithfully doing the will of God. —Miss Nora Barker, reporter, Box 6055.

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MIDDLE CREEK, Tenn.—We praise God for His blessings to us here. We have only a few members but the promise is to the faithful. We are planning to get our church paid for and dedicated by the state convention. We thank God for our good pastor, Brother J. C. Pinion, and family.—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Proffitt, Rt. 2, Cosby, Tenn.

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MT. VALE, Tenn.—We, the Church of God at Mt. Vale, are thanking the Lord for His many blessings. We won the state Sunday School banner in Class C. We are proud of it and hope to keep it for another month. Pray for us.—Viola Kimbrough.

20 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Part of a testimony in the Evangel: I am so glad of the great Church of God which is shining above everything else. Some people say we are churchy. Well, praise the Lord, we are, and we have a right to be for we are members of the Church which cost the greatest price of anything that has ever been bought, yes, even the precious blood of Jesus, Acts 20:28, "the church of God." Why should we not honor and be loyal to the greatest institution that ever has been in the world? I have been a member of the Church of God three years and have loved her all the while, but after attending the Assembly and learning more of this great body, seeing the wonderful love and manifestations of the Spirit among the members, it surely was enough to convince any one that this is the way, and to make those who are in the way more established. Paul said, 1 Thess. 5:21, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good." We have the Bible for our guide. We can prove to the world that this is the way. God is with us. Signs are following according to Mark 16. Why? Because we are believing in His Word. Let us climb higher and higher. There is no time to be idle or become careless. I started to go all the way. Bless the Lord.—Your sister looking for Jesus, Myrtle Whitehead.

LaGRANGE, Ga.—I am a little girl eleven years old, saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and also a member of the dear Church of God. I am on my way to heaven, glory to God! I want to praise God for His healing power. The Lord has been our Healer for about six years. Pray that I may stand true till Jesus comes.—Your little sister in Christ, Beatrice Lunsford.

NASSAU, N. P., Bahamas.—Greetings in Jesus' mighty name. I can thank God for a perfect plan of salvation. I am still saved and under the blood of Jesus. The blood still flows over my soul. Praise God. All glory to His name. Christ is still giving conquering power. I am not out on the field now but I long to go. Present conditions prevent me from going. I really need your help. —Your brother in Christ Jesus, Alfred Sweetie.

The Lord Blessing E. St. Louis, Ill. District

We praise God for blessing us here on the E. St. Louis district. It seems as though He knows just when we need it. God is blessing in the Y.P.E. services. There is a faithful L.W.W.B. in every church and they are doing a great work. Every Y.P.E. rally has been better than the previous one and the state Sunday School and Y.P.E. banners have been on this district several times since the Assembly. We are planning on bringing the national banner to Illinois, if the Lord tarries until the Assembly. Yes, we are proud of our young people, the work they are doing and the way the Lord is blessing us.

We certainly are proud of our state overseer, Brother H. O. Harris; we feel that our officials made a wise decision in sending him to Illinois, for God certainly is blessing him in his work. He is a good, faithful man of God; he visits the small churches and the large ones alike. He has been a great blessing to all of us every time he has visited the E. St. Louis district. He makes you feel as though you just can't fail the Lord, we want to do everything He would have us to do.

We have six churches in this district, besides two new works just started. All churches have full-time pastors; we have two new churches under construction, one at Maplewood, where Brother A. T. Utley is pastor, and one at Granite City, where Brother Vernon Sells is pastor. We hope to be in the new church in Granite City by the first of April. God has blessed us in securing a location, and the finances that we need. Watch Illinois grow with God our helper and Brother Harris our beloved leader and overseer and so many good pastors. We are working for the largest mission offering of all times. If you can, visit us at our state meeting. We desire your prayers.—Mrs. Vernon Sells, E. St. Louis, Ill.

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HICKORY, N. C.—Praise the Lord for the Church of God here, for the good unity, fellowship and love felt among the dear saints of God. We are really having some good old-fashioned services. The power of God is manifest in a wonderful way in our meetings. The Holy Ghost takes charge in lots of the services and our good pastor, Brother Pritchard, doesn't get to preach. But he, very willingly, submits to the leadings of the good Holy Ghost. He surely believes in the saints letting God have His way. We praise the Lord for his faithfulness and for his good wife. We are expecting and looking forward to a good and great revival at this place. We also have a good Sunday School, good superintendent, Brother Paul Curtis, and a good Y.P.E. which are proving a blessing to the church.—Mrs. George Holt.

Kentucky River District Convention

I am happy to report a wonderful district convention which convened on the Kentucky River district March 15-17 at Christopher, Ky., with Brothers B. L. Hicks, state overseer, and B. H. Enix, district overseer, in charge.

Throughout the convention the singing was wonderful and enjoyed by all. The presence of the Lord was felt throughout the convention.

Those taking part on the program during the convention were: Edd Cox, James Duff, B. H. Enix, B. L. Hicks, James Dixon, C. M. Dunn, Tom Brooks, Brother and Sister Bridges, Brother and Sister Watson, Sister Griffith and others.

After the instructions by the state overseer Saturday morning each preacher present made a two-minute talk, which was certainly fine.

The Y.P.E. and Sunday School services were conducted by Brother Cecil Bridges, and the L.W.W.B. was represented by Sister Griffith. We enjoyed a wonderful healing service Sunday morning. A mission offering of $85.45 was taken. At the close of the convention all went home feeling like they had just been refilled with the spirit and power of God. —Mrs. Chas. McDaniel, Diablock, Ky.

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HOMERVILLE, Ga.—It has been almost four years since I have written to the Evangel but during that time I have been a regular reader and would feel almost lost without it. I look for its coming like some would a friend or loved one. I get so much from its pages.

We thank the Lord for the way He is blessing here, for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Ball.

We had watch night service the 31st of December and the Lord blessed us in a special way. We had an old time confession service and God really put His approval on this service. Then on Jan. 13 we had conference, communion and feet washing. The Lord blessed from the very beginning. We could feel that heavenly atmosphere by the time we got to church. The Lord seemed so near. It was joy unspeakable and full of glory. We are marching on to victory at Homerville, with Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, leading, but we realize we need the prayers of each one.—Mrs. A. L. Denmark.

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NEWVILLE, Pa.—We are glad to report that the Lord is blessing at South Fairview, Pa. Brother D. DeFino held a two weeks' meeting at this place in which God blessed. This little church, with seats, lights and piano, was deeded to the Church of God recently, the deed being handed to Brother Paul Walker of Newville, Pa. We surely thank God for this. Pray that God will give many souls in this place.—P. R. Walker, pastor.

Little Rock, Ark. District Convention

The Little Rock, Ark., district convention convened March 15-17 at Stuttgart, Ark., Brother Wilma Henry, state overseer, in charge, assisted by Brother A. J. Murray, district overseer.

Those taking part on the program were: Brothers E. C. Pace, R. B. Payton, A. J. Murray, Wilma Henry, Golden Griffin, Ruff Gentry, Swint and Pugh.

The Bible study was conducted by Brother Henry. Brother Ruff Gentry, state superintendent, was in charge of the Y.P.E. program. A mission offering of $50.92 was taken. I believe it was the largest offering ever taken in a district convention in Arkansas. Service closed with handshakes and good-byes. Everyone left with a greater determination to work harder and do more for God and His Church than ever before.—Sister A. J. Murray, convention clerk.

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ECCLES, W. Va.—We praise the Lord for our church at Eccles, W. Va. Sister Dovie Coats is our leader and we all love her and her coworkers, Brother and Sister Branan. When she came here two years ago there were just a few members; now there are seventy-four. I was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost in her revival and have found great joy in serving Him ever since. We have a good Sunday School; have had as high as 164 in attendance. Our Y.P.E. interest is good; many of our young folks are filled with the Holy Ghost. All of our services are very spiritual. We organized an L.W.W.B. which is doing fine. We have bought a piano and rug for our church, helped on furnishing the parsonage and some personal expense for our pastor. For all this we give God the praise, for without Him we could do nothing.

I praise the Lord for the Church of God. It just suits me. Pray for me that I'll ever keep the banner lifted. Pray for the church, especially that we may get a parsonage built. We are starting a revival April 21. Everyone is invited to come. —Mrs. Rose Carter, clerk and leader.

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Saved Through Affliction

QUINCY, Ohio.—I thank the dear Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost on Jan. 12, 1939. I underwent an operation that put me near the gates of eternity. I was without God, lost and undone, but the Christians prayed for me and the Lord raised me up. Praise His name. I am a young man and desire the prayers of the Christians that I may be a worker for the Lord, that I may be in the center of His will at all times. It was through my illness that the Lord brought two of my sisters and their husbands to Himself.—Noah Helmandollar.

Flint, Mich. District Convention

The Flint, Mich., district convention convened March 8-10 at Flint, Mich. The Lord was with us from the opening song and continued to bless through the entire convention. Special singing was rendered by the Flint quartet, Brother E. O. Kerce and family, Brothers T. C. Franklin and W. M. Barnard.

Friday evening our state overseer, Brother E. O. Kerce, brought a very inspiring message. Saturday morning Brother E. Skinner gave a very timely address; Sister Ruth Justine brought a wonderful sermon and Brother J. E. Spence brought a fine message in the afternoon. We also had questions answered during this service. Brother W. M. Barnard brought a fine message in the evening service. Brother D. E. Boatwright also brought a fine message after which the altar was filled with hungry seekers. Three received the Holy Ghost.

Sunday morning those bringing messages were Brother James Dalton and Brother Kerce, who delivered a soul-stirring and heart-rending message on mission work. An offering of $125 was then obtained. Sunday afternoon Brother P. W. Myers spoke, which brought the convention to a close.—Martha E. Pettit, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

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SMITHFIELD, N. C.—We have just closed a revival at the Church of God at Smithfield. The revival began March 3 and closed March 19. It was conducted by Brother Walter Skutar, evangelist from Pennsylvania. We had a wonderful revival. Twenty-seven were saved, ten sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. He has been a great help to the church and in building up the Y.P.E. The church was filled to its capacity nearly every night. Some nights there was hardly room to accommodate the people. We give Brother Skutar a hearty welcome any time.

Please pray much for the young converts that they might be a great blessing to the church. Pray that we may get our church in a more convenient place.—Brother Johnnie Hales, clerk, House No. 26.

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MENLO, Ga.—We are glad for the revival and what the Lord has done for us at the Ami Church of God. Our revival began March 9 and closed Easter Sunday night. It was conducted by Brother Homer Miolen. Our church has been burned twice, but thank God, we have built a larger and better one. We were on the drag when Brother Miolen and his good wife came here but we are encouraged to go on. One was saved, one sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. Brother Miolen is a good preacher and

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together with an efficient headquarter's office has placed the work on such a solid footing that progress of the Church is no longer guesswork but can be determined not only annually but monthly, which has been a great asset to those in authority in directing the general work of the Church.

God's Art Gallery

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feating Satan for all time, preaching His wonderful gospel, healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, restoring sight to the blind, unstopping deaf ears, loosening the tongues of the dumb, raising the dead, delivering the oppressed, feeding the famished throng, walking on the stormy waves of the sea, in the garden praying with tears of blood, condemned in Pilate's judgment hall, scourged at the whipping post, the march Dolarosa, crucified between thieves, died of a broken heart, buried in a rich man's tomb, arose from the dead on the third day, ascending far above all principality and power, and is set down on the right hand of God the Father. Jesus the Miracle Man!

What a touching picture we have in the parable of "The Lost Sheep." The Good Shepherd leaves the "ninety and nine," and goes out into the dark and dreary night, over the waste and barren hills of sin, through the valley of despair, searching for the "lost sheep" not resting until He finds the one that has gone astray, and brings it back safely to the fold.

A young man, wealthy with his great estates, was making a trip to Paris to join some gay young friends in a holiday. He arrived in Paris early and with several hours on his hands he went to the art gallery to spend the time. He was looking at the pictures when he stopped before the painting of a face. Long he gazed at it. It was Stenburg's painting of the "Thorn-Crowned Christ." Underneath were written the words: "All this have I suffered for thee, what have you done for me?" The young count drew up a chair and studied the face. He began to weep. The hours went by until the custodian of the gallery came, touched his cap and said, "Sorry, sir, but it's time to close for the night," and Count Zinzindorf went from the gallery a converted man. He had failed to keep his appointment that day, but he had made a life-long appointment with Christ, for the beauty, strength, sorrow, love and compassion which Stenburg had painted into the face of Christ had spoken to him as no sermon ever had.

He went back to Germany and dedicated his all to God and used his fortune and his vast estates to found the greatest missionary society this world has ever known, the Moravian Missionaries. It was the Moravian missionaries that met the Wesley brothers on the ship returning from Georgia where they had been sent as missionaries to this country in its early days. They felt they were failures, but their intercourse with the Moravian missionaries taught them the truth about sanctification and the life that was wholly consecrated to God, and they became the great founders of Methodism. Some of them went to Africa and sold themselves as voluntary slaves to the rubber hunters. Each morning in the broiling hot sun they went forth with the black slaves to gather rubber, eating with them and sleeping with them. Why did they suffer such hardships? Just to tell them the story of Jesus and His great love.

Calvary, greatest picture of all time! God the Father the Master-Artist.

One more picture before coming to my subject proper. I see Gabriel sounding the trumpet, Jesus descending with a shout and voice of an archangel, the dead in Christ coming forth from their graves, the living saints being translated and together meeting Jesus in the air. Standing around the throne, the song of the redeemed, sounding like the noise of many waters, reaches the climax of praise in the exalted hymn "Unto Him that Loved Us and Washed Us in His Own Precious Blood." Paradise restored, all because Jesus went a little farther.

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Requests

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matism and come back to the Lord.—Anna E. Landes, Charlottesville, Va.

My father's health to be restored; me to grow stronger in the Lord.—Mrs. H. Davis, Morrison, Tenn.

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and see if you can't win the banner. Remember it will be presented at the camp meeting in Minot and it will look pretty good for your church to have won it at that time. We will be looking for you to win.—J. Andrew Rafferty, North Dakota state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent and district overseer, Lignite, N. Dak.

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We received the following telegram from Brother J. L. Dorman, overseer of Mississippi: "Meadville district convention mission offering, $129.60."

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Dear ministers and laity of the Bluefield, Va. district, also everyone in the surrounding territory: This is to inform you that our district convention will convene at the Abbs Valley church on the Bishop and Pocahontas road from May 17-19, inclusive. Everybody is invited to attend this convention. Brothers W. E. Johnson, state overseer, and A. J. Cox, district overseer, will be in charge. Pastors, let's be one hundred per cent on all assessments and everybody don't forget to bring a good mission offering to this convention. Please pray, pray, pray that the Father, Son and Holy Ghost will be present at this convention.—A. J. Cox, district pastor, Falls Mills, Va.

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I would like to hear from Sisters Mary E. Wright and Alta Vickers. If they see this, please write me.—Mrs. L. J. Alexander, Rt. 2, Calhoun City, Miss.

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There will be an all-day singing and home-coming at the Church of God at Inman, S. C. We are expecting the Dunn trio of Alabama and many other good singers to be with us. Everyone is cordially invited to come and enjoy the presence of the Lord.—J. R. Mullinax, pastor, Spartanburg, S. C.

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This is to remind you that the Graham, Tex. district convention will be held at the church here in Graham, April 26-28. We are praying for this to be the greatest convention ever held here. Come, help us make it come to pass. We want the neighboring districts to come be with us. Everybody is invited and welcome. Pastors, let's do our best for God, for the foreign fields, for our people here, also don't forget our state overseer, he has much travelling to do, so come prepared to give him a nice offering. He is worthy of anything we do for him and much more.—T. M. White, pastor, 600 Pecan St., Graham, Tex.

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The North Georgia Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention will convene with the Lindale church on April 27, 28. We are expecting all the Sunday School and Y. P. E. officials to be there. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. We are expecting great things from the Lord.—Roy Douglas, state superintendent.

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This is to notify the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Mississippi that the Sunday School banner went to Morgantown and the Y. P. E. banner went to Rocky Hill. Come, on, Mississippi, let's go over the top for Jesus. Pray for the greatest year in the history of the Church.—Arlie M. Dorman, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent.

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There will be a home-coming at Jefferson City May 12. There will be an all-day meeting and dinner on the ground.—E. L. Simmons, Jr., pastor.

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This is to notify all that J. M. Greshem is no longer a minister nor member of the Church of God.—E. M. Ellis, overseer of Florida.

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they have their hearts in the work. Pray for us at Ami church.—R. M. Deering, Rt. 1.

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The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us

Praise God for His goodness to me. We have organized two new churches already this year, one in Albuquerque, N. Mex., and one in LaJunta, Colo. We are glad to hear from the good folks in Albuquerque telling of some receiving the Holy Ghost since we left there. Praise God for all the saints there.

There are some real saints here in LaJunta, Colo., for which we are glad. We had a two weeks' meeting with only one saved up until our fellowship last Saturday, March 16. Then the Lord really worked; every sinner in the building was in the altar. There were seven saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. I had begun to feel so discouraged, but when we go as far as we can, then He always comes to the rescue. What a wonderful Savior He is to all!

On Sunday morning we set a church in order with fifteen members; on Tuesday night two more came in. We are glad for the Church of God here in LaJunta, Colo. Brother O. K. Fewell is pastoring the work here. Remember our new churches that God will bless our labor this year and give us many souls for the Lord. We closed our revival here March 19 with a good crowd and fine interest.

The Lord willing we will leave here for Raton, N. Mex. for a revival with Brother V. P. Melton. Pray that God will be with us and give us a good revival that will reach the hearts of the lost. The desire of my heart is and has always been to see people repent and receive pardon for their sins and get in this good highway of holiness. We are happy to say we are "one of them" and in this way. We are looking forward to the day and hour when our Lord will leave glory to gather up the diamonds in the rough. What a wonderful time that will be when we can go home to be with Him forever. The Lord has done great things for me, that's why I am happy. He saved me from sin, sanctified me and filled me with the good Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost that talks and shouts and shows us things to come. Remember us in prayer that God will give us strength and rest for our bodies, that we may win many souls this year in New Mexico and Colorado.—H. E. Ramsey, overseer of New Mexico and Colorado, Box 564, Hobbs, N. Mex.

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TALLAHALA, Miss.—We thank and praise God for the way He has blessed us at Tallahala. We think it is one of the best little Churches of God in Mississippi. The Lord always meets with us and blesses our souls. We truly thank and praise God for our pastor and family, Brother and Sister Stanley. They are really children of God and have been a great blessing to us. The church has bought a parsonage with two acres of land for our pastor. It looked almost impossible, but praise God, He has provided the way so far. He will always work things out for our good. Brother Stanley is really burdened for lost souls at this place. Pray that God will use him for His glory and for the cause of lost souls. Pray for the saints here to stand true for we feel that there is a great work to be done here. We are looking forward to a great revival.—Myrtie White, Hattiesburg, Miss.

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Mobile, Ala. District Convention

The Mobile district convention of the Church of God is now history, but the memory of it will live on in the hearts of the people. Brother H. L. Chesser, our state overseer, was in charge. After the welcome address and responses on the opening night the service was turned over to the young people, which was very good.

Those taking part in the services during the convention were: Brother Dunn, Sister F. F. Dismukes, Sister Williamson, Gabrilla McKeough, Willie Grace Wilson, Brother T. G. Pearson, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Sister T. G. Pearson, Brother F. F. Dismukes, Brother J. J. Williamson, Edna McKeough and Brother H. L. Chesser, state overseer.

Saturday afternoon was discussions on "How to Improve Our Churches."

A mission offering was taken amounting to $86.00. Reports showed each church was up on its quotas.

The convention closed with handshakes, good-byes and "God bless you till we meet again." We say for the entire district that we appreciate Brother Chesser, our state overseer, very much, also Brother and Sister Pearson and all those who were present from other districts.—Mrs. C. T. Dunn, convention reporter.

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BYINGTON, Tenn.—The Providence Church of God Ladies' Willing Workers Band has been organized and officers elected. This band consists of twelve members and we have been working abundantly by the help of the Lord. We made and sold ten quilts, forty-some-odd aprons and several laundry bags during the winter season. We also pay tithes on every dollar that we make. The money that is put in the treasury goes for the upkeep of the church. Pray for us.—Sebra Smith, secretary, Rt. 1.

The Lord Is Answering Prayer

HOMERVILLE, Ga.—Dear Evangel Readers: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I guess my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord think I am most peculiar. In my last letter I told them to keep praying for us until they heard from me again. Here I am again still testifying for Jesus. God has wrought many miracles since you read my piece. We're not completely well of this affliction yet, but, praise God, it's leaving and that in a hurry. God only knows how I appreciated the prayers, letters and anointed cloths and handkerchiefs. In my testimony I promised to send an offering to whoever would send us an anointed cloth, but my, I surely was surprised to receive as many as I did. For about a week I would get from two to five every day and, of course, I am not financially able to send everyone an offering, but I can send the Father a prayer asking Him to supply, lead, guide and direct His children.

I would have answered the letters but I was helpless so long until nearly every one of the addresses got misplaced and I gave out several of the cloths to other of God's children with the same affliction. Those who wrote me then, if you will write me now, I will gladly answer your letters. I thank God for His children the world over.

Dear saints of God, I have confidence in your prayers so I really want you to pray for the following. Fast if you feel led, also write them. Pray for my mother, Mrs. Sular Griffis, Rt. 1, Box 65, Dupont, Ga. She has ulcerated stomach. My sister, Mrs. Gertrude Crews, Rt. 1, Dupont, Ga. who has cancers of the stomach. They have eaten through to her lungs. She and mother are almost bedfast. Also pray that my father, mother, seven sisters and three brothers will be saved. I am the only child out of the ten that is saved and with the victory. Pray for our church, Sunday School and Y.P.E. We really want to do our best for Jesus. Pray for our pastor, his wife and family. Pray, too, for my husband and me to do just what God wants us to do and that we will bring our children up like God wants us to.—Mrs. W. L. McClaine.

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Healed of Head Trouble

TYRONZA, Ark.—Praise God because I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, also belong to the Church of God. The other night when I was reading the precious Word of God my head started hurting me. I just laid the Evangel on my head in Jesus' name and, praise God, it stopped hurting. Pray for me to keep the faith as I have been trusting God for my healing for over a year. I am young in the way.—Carl Selby.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

GANNON

Martha Farine Gannon, darling daughter of Brother and Sister Walter Gannon, died April 9, 1940; age four months.—Albert Lawson and wife, Holly Grove, Ark.

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HUGHES

Eva Sandra Hughes, baby daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Hughes, Somerset, Ky., was born June 5, 1939 and died March 27, 1940; age nine months and twenty-two days. Pray for us in our bereavement. — Her heartbroken mother, Mrs. L. L. Hughes.

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DEAS

Cato M. Deas, father of Rev. Earl Deas, passed away Feb. 14, 1940; age seventy-one years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at West Lake, Fla. He was also superintendent of our little Sunday School at West Lake.—One of his sons, Earl Deas, Jennings, Fla.

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COKER

Mrs. W. T. Coker, member of the Church of God at Lacoochee, Fla., passed away Feb. 22, 1940; age forty years.—Her daughter, Goldie Mae Gatlin, Lacoochee, Fla.

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SWIFT

William Harvey Smith, Jr., age nine years, seven months and sixteen days, went to be with Jesus Nov. 24, 1939.—A friend, LaFayette, Ga.

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REYLANDS

Sister Bell Reylands, loyal member of the Church of God at Christopher, Ky., departed this life March 27, 1940; age forty-nine years, ten months and fourteen days.—Edd Cox, pastor, Christopher, Ky.

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COOK

Little Jo Ann Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curby Cook, passed away March 5, 1940; age five months and one day. We extend our sympathy to the parents and loved ones.—W. W. Smethers, pastor, Big Spring, Tex.

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PEARSON

Sister Etta E. Pearson, wife of Evangelist W. T. Pearson and a faithful member of the Church of God at Shady Vale for twenty-three years, fell asleep in Jesus March 29, 1940; age forty-nine years and twenty-six days. Please pray for her unsaved children.—B. S. Prescott, pastor, Pikeville, Tenn.

State Conventions

California—April 19-21—Butler and Gearhart Sts., Fresno, Calif.

Washington, Oregon, Idaho—April 26-28.

Montana (at Lewistown)—May 3-5.

Colored General Assembly—April 15-21, Jacksonville, Fla.

Illinois—May 2-5.

Indiana—May 10-12.

Minnesota—May 17-19.

Iowa—May 24-26.

Kentucky—May 30-June 2.

Florida—June 7-8.

Virginia—June 14-16.

South Carolina—June 20-23.

North Carolina—June 20-23.

Ohio—June 27-30.

Michigan—June 27-30.

North and South Dakota—July 4-7.

Arkansas—July 5-7.

West Virginia—July 11-14.

New Mexico—July 12-14.

Oklahoma—July 19-21.

Alabama—July 25-28.

Pennsylvania—July 25-28.

Mississippi—August 1-4.

Tennessee—August 1-4.

Texas—August 5-11.

Georgia—August 15-18.

Missouri—August 22-25.

Maryland — August 15-25 (Camp meeting and convention).

Louisiana—August 15-29-September 1.

New England States—Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

News From China

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that the Master asks of us. As we read the signs of the time we know that the hour is at hand. Let's give out the last warning call. Now! Now is the day of salvation. Repent now. Seek the Savior now. Call on Him who is able.—I am by His grace and call in His field of needy China, Paul C. Pitt.

P. S. Remember that the school children are in need of food, also the old people. We do need more Gospels and Bibles. Let's give some out in His name.

Daily Bread

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upon which we may lean in life and rely upon in death. We are told the story that several days after the battle before Richmond was over, a man was found dead with his hand on the open Bible. Summer insects had taken the flesh from the hand and there was nothing but the skeleton fingers lying upon the open page but they were on this passage, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Well, the time will come when exquisite essays, good histories, and all other books will do us no more good, but there will be one Book with its cover perhaps worn and its leaves yellow with age under whose flash we shall behold the opening gates of heaven. —*Talmage.*

ON THE AIR

Lindale and Rome, Georgia, churches; W. T. Nelson and S. W. Latimer, pastors. Monday, 10:30 a. m., WRGA, 1500 Kc.

Lindale, Georgia, church; W. T. Nelson, pastor. Saturday, 10:30 a. m., WRGA, 1500 Kc.

The Church of God, Decatur, Ala., over station WMSL, Decatur, Ala., 1370 Kc., Sunday 8:45 a. m. and each week day at 4:30 p. m. A. H. Batts, pastor.

The Church of God Y.P.E., Big Spring, Tex., over station KBST, Big Spring, Tex., each Sunday at 2:00-2:15 p. m. Sister Briggs, president; W. W. Smethers, pastor.

The Church of God, Huntsville, Ala., over station WBHP, Huntsville. Each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Claude Gossett, pastor.

Mobile, Ala. district, over station WMOB, 1200 Kc., Monday through Friday at 10:00-10:15 a.m. C. T. Dunn, district pastor.

The Church of God, Casper, Wyo. over station WKFN, Casper. Every Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. (Mountain Standard Time.) S. M. Pearson, pastor.

The Church of God, Flint, Mich. over station WMPC, Lapeer, Mich., 1210 Kc. Each Tuesday from 5:00-5:30 p.m. W. M. Barnard, pastor.

"The Golden Hour Devotion" over station KLPM, Minot, N. Dak., 1300 Kc. Each Sunday evening from 6:45-7:15. Hughes R. Morehead, pastor.

The Church of God, Goldsboro, N. C. over WGBR, Goldsboro, 1370 Kc. Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. R. Verrico, pastor.

The Church of God, Powderly, Ala., over station WSGN, Birmingham, Ala., 1310 Kc. Each Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6:00-6:30 a.m. L. H. Aultman, pastor.

The Church of God, Wilmington, N. C., over station WMFD, Wilmington, 1370 Kc. Each Sunday from 3:00-3:45 p.m. W. W. Harmon, pastor.

The Church of God, Lexington, N. C., over station WMFR, Lexington. Each Saturday from 1:30-2:00 p. m.

The Church of God, N. Chattanooga, Tenn., over station WAPO, each Saturday morning at 6:15. J. D. Wilson, pastor.

The Church of God, Kannapolis, N. C., over station WSTP, Salisbury, 1500 Kc., remote control, every Sunday morning at 9:00-9:45. U. D. Tidwell, pastor.

The Church of God of Southern Illinois, over station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Monday at 3:00 p. m.

"Back to the Bible Program" over WMAN, Ohio 1370 Kc. Darrell E. Wolfe in charge.

Atlanta and Riverside Churches of God, over station WATL, 1370 Kc., Atlanta. Each Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

The Church of God, Gadsden, Ala. over station WJBY, 1250 Kc. Each Friday at 4:30-5:00 p. m. W. L. Williamson, pastor.

The Church of God over station WJBY, 1250 Kc. Each Sunday from 12:45-1:15 p. m. A. L. Burroughs, pastor.

Back to the Bible Program, over WMAN, Mansfield, Ohio, 1370 Kc. Each Monday from 2:30-3:00 p. m. One hundred per cent Church of God program. Evangelists Darrell Wolfe and Bertha Burkette in charge, assisted by Doris Miller, Loyd Burkette and Sister C. H. Hammond. Join our Radio League.

The Church of God, over station WBTH, 1370 Kc., Williamson, W. Va. each Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. H. H. Tygart, Vulcan, W. Va. and W. H. Compton, Delbarton, W. Va., district overseers, in charge. Let us hear from you; we are trusting the Lord for the programs.

The Church of God of Canton, Ohio over station WADC, Akron, 1320 Kc. Each Sunday from 8:00-8:30 a. m. J. H. Hughes, pastor.

The Church of God at Chicago over station WCBD, Chicago, 1210 Kc. Each Sunday morning from 1:00-200 a. m. Evangelist Amelia Shumaker.